

REMARKS/AGRUMENTS

No claims have been added, canceled, or amended.

Claim Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 41, 43, 45-48, 51-53 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,043,721 (hereinafter "May"). The Applicants respectfully disagree and submit the following arguments in support of their position.

Regarding claim 41, the Examiner purports that "May teaches a wallet [portable computing device 12] for use with a personal information device [paging accessory 10]." See *Paper 18 Paragraph 5*. The terms "wallet" and "personal information device" also appear in the body of claim 41.

While the Examiner must give the pending claims their broadest reasonable interpretation, such interpretation must also be consistent with the specification. See MPEP 2111. Furthermore, the Examiner should give words the "broadest reasonable meaning of the words in their ordinary usage as they would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, taking into account whatever enlightenment by way of definitions or otherwise that may be afforded by the written description contained in applicant's specification." See *In re Morris*, 127 F.3d. 1048, 1054-55 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

A wallet is ordinarily understood to be a carrying pouch, generally made of flexible material. The specification describes the wallet as "a flexible wallet, e.g., a leather wallet." See *Specification Page 25 Line 4*. The wallet is clearly contemplated, both by its ordinary meaning and by its definition in the specification, as a holding case for an electronics device that can provide additional functionality to a user operating the device using the wallet.

In contrast, the portable computing device in May that the Examiner considers to teach the wallet is clearly described as an electronic computing device such as a

calculator or electronic information manager. While, this portable computing device may be similar to the personal information device also required by claim 41, it certainly does not teach or suggest the wallet, as the Examiner purports.

Similarly, the paging accessory cannot teach the personal information device of claim 41, since PIDs are ordinarily understood, and are described in the specification, as organizers with various PDA and/or cellular telephone features. See Specification Page 6-7. In contrast, under no meaning of the word could "paging accessory" mean PID. Since the Examiner has not given the words of the claims their proper meanings as required, May does not teach a wallet comprising a first portion having an input device, a second portion coupled to the first portion to receive, detachably retain, and interface with a personal information device, and a power source to provide electricity to the wallet; wherein the wallet conserves the power source by being turned on in response to a wake signal from the personal information device.

Therefore independent claim 41 is allowable. Independent claim 47 contains similar elements and is allowable for the similar reasons. Independent claim 52 is likewise allowable for similar reasons. All claims dependent on these allowable claims adding further limitations are thus also allowable.

Examiner rejected claims 42, 50 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,043,721 (hereinafter "May") in view of U.S. Patent No. Number 5,848,298 (hereinafter "Steere, Jr."). Since these claims depend on allowable claims 41, 47, and 52, respectively, these claims are also allowable.

Examiner rejected claims 44, 49 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,043,721 (hereinafter "May") in view of U.S. Patent No. Number 5,594,680 (hereinafter "Ohtake"). Since these claims depend on allowable claims 41, 47, and 52, respectively, these claims are also allowable. Therefore, all claims should now be allowed.

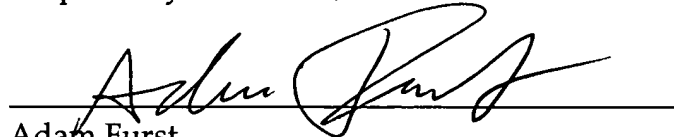
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Adam Furst at (408) 947-8200.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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